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<i>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</i>	Application Number	10/082,393
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	First Named Inventor	Carlos Alfonso Cruz
	Art Unit	1713
	Examiner Name	Kelechi Chidi Egwim
	Attorney Docket Number	A01197

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 16, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respond as follows. It is noted that a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), as well as a Petition for Extension of Time for a two-month extension of time, to and including September 16, 2004, accompany this Amendment.

The sections of this paper are organized as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this paper.
REMARKS / ARGUMENTS begin on page 5 of this paper.
CONCLUSION begins on page 16 of this paper.